

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 10437

EXDIS - MILADDEES TREAT AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR MARR UNSC IS LE XF  
SUBJ: CHRISTIAN ABILITY TO ENGAGE TIBNIN

REF.: JERUSALEM 2246

1. WE NOTE REF STATES (PARA 6) THAT ANY LEBANESE ARMY  
FORCE STATIONED IN TIBNIN WOULD BE OUT OF MORTAR RANGE OF  
CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES. THIS IS QUESTIONABLE AS IT IS  
DEPENDENT UPON THE DEPTH OF THE ENCLAVES. OUR INFORMATION  
IS THAT THE DEPTH IS SUCH THAT TIBNIN MAY BE WITHIN THE  
EXTREME RANGE OF CHRISTIAN MORTARS. IN ANY EVENT, HADDAD  
IS KNOWN TO HAVE ARTILLERY, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING THE 20KM  
RANGE TOWED 155MM. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE WHAT ARTILLERY,  
IF ANY, IS IN HANDS OF CHRISTIANS IN WESTERNMOST ENCLAVE.

2. FOR JERUSALEM: WOULD BE HELPFUL IF JERUSALEM COULD OBTAIN  
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BEST ESTIMATED TRACE OF NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ENCLAVES  
AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF THE  
CALIBER AND NUMBER OF ARTILLERY PIECES IN THE ENCLAVES COULD  
BE OBTAINED. LEWIS

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